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MONTANA SENATE 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION

Call to Order: Chair Gordon Vance, on February 7, 2019 at 3:00 PM, in Room 405
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Gordon Vance, Chair (R)
Sen. Carlie Boland, Vice Chair (D)
Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Bryce Bennett (D)
Sen. Dee Brown (R)
Sen. John Esp (R)
Sen. Jen Gross (D)
Sen. Diane Sands (D)
Sen. Roger Webb (R)
Sen. Jeffrey W. Welborn (R)

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Noah Horan, Committee Secretary
Laura Sankey Keip, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 193, 2/1/2019; SB 194, 2/1/2019

Executive Action: SB 169 - MOTION WITHDRAWN

HEARING ON SB 193

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

14:59:19 Sen. Jill Cohenour (D), SD 42, opened the hearing on SB 193, Generally revise school bus safety laws.

[EXHIBIT\(his25a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(his25a02\)](#)

15:05:33 Sen. Welborn entered the hearing.

15:06:30 Sen. Gross entered the hearing.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:10:37 Joe Cohenour, self

15:16:46 Tom Cohn, self

[EXHIBIT\(his25a03\)](#)

15:17:42 Sen. Bennett entered the hearing.

15:23:24 Sen. Fitzpatrick entered the hearing.

15:26:03 Mike Krout, self

15:27:43 Janet Kenny, Montana Department of Transportation (MDT)

Opponents' Testimony:

15:28:42 Daniel Farr, Northeast Rural Schools

Proponents' Testimony:

15:33:48 Charles Vits, self

Opponents' Testimony:

15:40:49 Bob Gilbert, Montana School Bus Contractors Association

Informational Testimony:

15:45:16 Kara Flath, Office of Public Instruction

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:46:10 Sen. Brown

15:46:40 Mr. Cohn, self

15:48:14 Sen. Brown

15:48:24 Mr. Cohn

15:49:03 Sen. Brown

15:49:26 Mr. Cohn

15:49:38 Sen. Webb

15:50:00 Mr. Cohn

15:50:06 Sen. Webb

15:50:33 Mr. Cohn

Closing by Sponsor:

15:51:13 Sen. Cohenour

HEARING ON SB 194**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:56:16 Sen. Jill Cohenour (D), SD 42, opened the hearing on SB 194, Generally revise generic specialty license plate laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:58:45 Joe Cohenour, self

[EXHIBIT\(his25a04\)](#)

16:02:13 Leandra Lipson, Montana Nonprofit Association

16:02:57 Al Christophersen, self

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

16:06:28 Joann Loehr, Montana Department of Justice (DOJ)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

16:06:51 Sen. Brown
16:07:15 Ms. Loehr, DOJ
16:07:26 Sen. Brown
16:07:50 Ms. Loehr
16:08:02 Sen. Brown
16:08:17 Mr. Cohenour, self
16:08:49 Sen. Gross
16:09:32 Laura Sankey Keip, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
16:09:52 Sen. Gross
16:10:27 Ms. Sankey Keip, LSD
16:10:51 Sen. Boland
16:11:25 Ms. Loehr
16:11:35 Sen. Boland
16:11:52 Ms. Loehr
16:12:02 Sen. Boland
16:12:09 Ms. Loehr
16:12:27 Sen. Fitzpatrick
16:12:50 Ms. Loehr
16:13:01 Sen. Fitzpatrick
16:13:06 Ms. Loehr
16:13:19 Sen. Fitzpatrick
16:13:27 Ms. Loehr
16:13:40 Sen. Webb
16:14:00 Ms. Loehr
16:14:32 Sen. Webb
16:14:40 Ms. Loehr
16:14:51 Sen. Sands
16:15:10 Ms. Loehr
16:15:38 Sen. Sands
16:16:03 Ms. Loehr
16:16:10 Sen. Sands

16:16:31 Sen. Cohenour
 16:16:37 Ms. Sankey Keip
 16:16:51 Sen. Sands
 16:16:56 Sen. Cohenour
 16:17:32 Sen. Webb
 16:17:42 Sen. Cohenour
 16:18:57 Sen. Bennett
 16:19:38 Sen. Cohenour
 16:20:09 Ms. Loehr
 16:20:33 Sen. Sands
 16:20:56 Ms. Loehr
 16:21:18 Sen. Esp
 16:21:42 Sen. Cohenour
 16:23:15 Ms. Loehr
 16:23:43 Sen. Esp

Closing by Sponsor:

16:24:17 Sen. Cohenour

 16:25:07 Chair Vance
 16:25:15 Ms. Sankey Keip
 16:26:36 Sen. Sands
 16:27:05 Chair Vance
 16:27:17 Sen. Cohenour

 16:28:47 Chair Vance

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 169

16:29:58 **Motion:** Sen. Fitzpatrick moved that **SB 169 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

16:30:07 Ms. Sankey Keip

16:30:16 **Motion:** Sen. Fitzpatrick moved that **SB 169 BE AMENDED.**

EXHIBIT(his25a05)

Discussion:

16:30:28 Ms. Sankey Keip
 16:31:33 Sen. Brown
 16:31:58 Ms. Sankey Keip
 16:32:25 Sen. Brown
 16:32:32 Ms. Sankey Keip
 16:32:37 Sen. Webb
 16:33:20 Sen. Brown
 16:33:36 Sen. Webb
 16:33:49 Chair Vance
 16:33:56 Sen. Gross
 16:35:08 Sen. Webb
 16:35:33 Chair Vance

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16:36:01 Sen. Brown
16:36:21 Sen. Webb
16:36:24 Sen. Bennett
16:36:50 Sen. Webb
16:37:11 Sen. Bennett
16:37:31 Chair Vance
16:38:04 Sen. Bennett
16:38:08 Sen. Gross
16:38:15 Sen. Webb
16:38:20 Sen. Brown
16:38:52 Chair Vance
16:39:29 Sen. Welborn
16:40:07 Chair Vance
16:40:33 Sen. Gross
16:41:18 Chair Vance
16:41:40 Sen. Brown
16:42:13 Chair Vance
16:42:20 Sen. Webb
16:43:44 Chair Vance
16:43:54 Sen. Boland
16:44:04 Chair Vance

16:44:12 Without objection, Sen. Fitzpatrick withdrew both motions.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:44 PM

Noah Horan, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([his25aad.pdf](#))